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## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

### FAMILY NIGHT CHRISTMAS GATHERING

The regular Church Family Night of the Niles Church, usually held on the fourth Friday of each month, falls on the same date as the Church's Celebration of the Nativity. In view of the rush at this season of the year it does not seem wise to attempt the usual procedure of the family night but rather to combine it with the plans for the Christmas celebration. To this end a large, well trimmed Christmas tree is being placed in the social parlors of the church and the rooms decorated in holiday colors. Here, the members of the church family are requested to gather for a Christmas Celebration which will center around a brief program especially prepared for the occasion. There will be a tableau recalling the Christmas story; the singing of the Christmas Carols; recitations by cunning little folks and an abundance of Christmas spirit. With all the children dressed in their best bib and tucker, radiant with joy and anticipation and dancing around the beautiful and fragrant Christmas tree, the setting will be complete for the presence of the spirit of Christmas.

Members of the family are urged to bring some gift of food, clothing or toy for others. These will be distributed Saturday. Each person present will also receive a remembrance from the church and church school.

Every friend of the church is invited to come to the church Friday night at 7.30 p.m.

Those who will take part in the tableau and musical program at the Niles Congregational church Friday evening are as follows:

Madonna, Lucy Shinn; Joseph, Leon Amyx; Shepherds, Mildred Law, Anna Millicent Shinn, Marie Napham Wise Men, Bob Amyx, Jack Townsend and Dick Amyx; Reader, Mrs. Seebart; Organist, Mrs. Jones; Director of music, Mrs. Charlotte Huntley Foster; members of the chorus: Lois Abbott, Elizabeth Shinn, Gertrude Ellsworth; Dorothy Smith; Martha Crane, Betty Houghton; Daley Mendenhall and Mae Martenstein. Harry Green, Edwin Hepler, Arnold Abbott and J. E. Williamson will be in charge of the lighting effects.

### THE OTHER WISE MAN

A feature of the Christmas morning service of the Niles Church will be the presentation of Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man." This reading will be given by Mrs. A. W. Seebart in the place of the usual sermon. The reading is a most appropriate one for Christmas and is a sermon in itself.

There are not many occasions when Christmas falls on Sunday as it does this year. It should be regarded as a special blessing to be able to attend church on that day which the church has given us, namely, Christmas.

Mrs. Chittendon will entertain the following relatives and friends at the Hotel Belvoir Christmas day: The R. C. Ingram family of Gridley, Mrs. Florence Robinson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Faber of Oakland, the J. E. Williamson family, Mr. and Mrs. George Burchell and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bishop.

### NEWARK ITEMS

A meeting of the Bluebird Club was held on Tuesday evening at the home of Emily Reider. After the business of the evening had been attended to a delicious surprise supper was served by the hostess which was very much enjoyed by all present.

Miss May Anderson motored from Oakland on Friday evening to attend the Bluebird Community Christmas Tree. Miss Anderson was a very active club member when residing in Newark.

### MUTUAL EMPLOYEES ENJOY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BALL

Employees of the Niles Mutual Store joined the more than 1,000 employees of the Mutual Stores and their guests who assembled in Oakland Monday evening for the Annual Christmas Ball, given each year by the company.

Stores closed early so that every employee had ample time to arrive at the hall early, and something was going every minute from the time the ball started until the orchestra played "Home Sweet Home."

Between dances the crowd was entertained by various stunts and short acts, and during the evening every Mutual Store employee was presented with a valuable gift order on a large order on a large department store as a Christmas present from the company.

Some idea of the growth of the Mutual Store during the past year may be gained from the fact that at the Christmas ball one year ago only slightly more than half as many were present. Thus the number of Mutual Store employees has almost doubled during the past twelve months. The company has opened about seventy-five new stores during the year.

## YULETIDE HAPPENINGS

Mr and Mrs A. A. Hatch will spend Christmas at the W. S. Hatch home in Berkeley.

Mr and Mrs Fred Nelson will spend Christmas with Mr and Mrs Hedemark of Oakland.

Mr and Mrs R. A. Blacow will spend Christmas at San Francisco with Mrs Blacow's parents.

Dr. H. E. Morrison will spend Christmas at the home of his daughter in Sacramento.

The D. Ferry family will spend Christmas with Mrs. Ferry's sister at Pittsburg.

Mr and Mrs. J. C. Walton and Mrs. Stoops will be Christmas day guests at the W. A. Stoops home in San Leandro.

The C. R. Abbott family will spend Christmas with Mrs Abbott's cousin, R. F. Sinclair and family at Pleasanton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Martenstein of Niles will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Charles Louck of Oakland on Christmas day.

Mr and Mrs Fred Mitte of Niles will have the latter's sister and husband, Mr and Mrs Leland Dickie of Fresno as Christmas guests.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Robie of Alvarado will entertain at a family dinner.

Mr and Mrs Robert Tyson and Mrs Ben Tyson plan to leave Friday for Los Angeles where they will spend Christmas with the W. H. Tysons, returning home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Ellis of Niles, the Lannes Sharman family of Centerville and other relatives will spend Christmas at the W. W. Walton home in Centerville.

Miss M. Ingles, teacher in the Niles school, is spending her vacation with relatives in the vicinity of Stockton.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Fournier will entertain Mrs. Stribley and Mr. and Mrs. R. Bennett of Berkeley, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bennett of Oakland and Mr. and Mrs. John Nee of Sutter Creek at Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Duarte and Robert and Mr. and Mrs. Anton Garcia will be Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Moore on Christmas day.

Mr and Mrs A. M. Alves will have Mr and Mrs Thomas Stebbins of Hayward and Mr and Mrs Blum of San Jose as Christmas Day guests. Mrs Blum is Mrs Alves' sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Duffey of Niles will entertain at a family Christmas dinner, Warren Caterlin of Oakland, Grant Catterlin of San Bruno, Melvin and George Duffey and Mrs. K. Duffey.

Mr and Mrs J. E. Townsend will have the following Christmas day guests: Mrs Townsend's parents, Mr and Mrs Godwin of San Francisco; her sister and husband, Mr and Mrs L. S. Horn of Burlingame and a cousin, Mrs. August Sabian and four children of San Francisco.

The Vieux family will be entertained for Christmas dinner by Mrs. Jerild at Mission San Jose. Those expecting to be present are: Mrs. Marks of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. O. Vieux, the Al Vieux family, the L. A. Vieux family and Jack Vieux of Niles.

Mr and Mrs H. R. Hunt of Niles will entertain the following at a family dinner on Christmas day: Mr and Mrs Harry A. Mosher and daughter, Miss Esther and son, Martin of Piedmont; Mr and Mrs Harry Hunt and their children of Salinas and Mr and Mrs H. E. Mosher of Niles. The Harry Hunts will arrive here Saturday and plan to remain until next Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs. E. A. Ellsworth will entertain the following relatives at their home over Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morgan and daughter, Cheryl of Modesto, Mr. and Mrs. E. Smethers and two daughters, of Ripon, Edward B. Ellsworth of Berkeley, and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Cole and W. O. Cole, Jr., of Vacaville. Mr. and Mrs. Marston Dassel of Niles will also be Christmas dinner guests at the Ellsworth home.

The Ben Murphy family will spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. Murphy's sister, Mrs. E. L. Dow of Oakland. Mrs. Annie E. Murphy will spend the day with her daughter, Mrs. Cavanaugh of Oakland.

Mr and Mrs H. C. Roland will entertain, in addition to their family, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Roland of Milpitas, Gus Oertel of Berkeley and Wm. J. Koller of Niles.

Mr and Mrs. Fred Trask and daughter of Niles will spend Christmas with relatives at Petaluma.

Mr and Mrs. M. Wilder of Niles will attend a family Christmas dinner at Mrs. Wilder's old home in San Francisco.

Mr and Mrs. Roland Bendel and children will spend Christmas at the home of Mrs Bendel's sister in Mill Valley.

Miss May of Oakland will be a guest of her sister, Mrs. Ralph Richmond over Christmas.

## Our Christmas Wish to You



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Dec. 22, Reception for Larry Betten court, High School.  
Dec. 22.—Christmas Turkey Whist, by Corpus Christi church, I. O. O. Hall, Niles.  
Dec. 22, Irvington Community Church Program.  
Dec. 23, Niles Congregational Church program.  
Dec. 23.—Christmas Pageant, Community Church, Decoto;  
Firemen's Annual Ball, Niles, Saturday December 31st.  
Jan. 14, Dedication of new Niles Library.

### ORIENT CHAPTER O. E. S. INSTALLS OFFICERS

The recently elected officers of Orient Chapter O. E. S. were installed at a meeting held Saturday evening, Dec. 17. Installing officers were Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig, Associate Grand Conductress, of Alvarado and Mr. Frank B. Hartman, Superintendent of the Masonic Home at Decoto. They were assisted by Dora Richmond of Alvarado, acting as Grand Marshall; John Schriber who acted as Grand Chaplain and by the Junior Past Grand Matron, Hazael Marsh Piper, of Santa Cruz. The ceremony was especially impressive and the following were the officers installed: Worthy Matron, Grace Lucille Martin; Patron, Hugh Milton Kibby; Associate Matron, Irene Kibby; Secretary, Fern Mitte; Treasurer, Elva Chadbourne; Conductress, Ruth Hellwig; Assoc. Conductress, Grace Gygas; Marshall, Rose Springer; Chaplain, Henry Morton Springer; Organist, Margaret Laudenschlager; Sentinel, Louis Eggers; Adah, Catherine Overacker; Ruth, Tillie Logan; Esther, Gladys Peacock; Martha, Mary Merrick; Electa, Emma Boyd. All of the ladies who were installed wore white gowns and carried pink carnations.

Following the installation several grand officers who were present addressed the company. Mrs. George Helm of San Leandro also presented several vocal numbers.

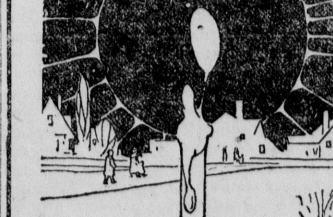
### MISS MYRTLE DOLLY ROLAND WILL BE SPRING BRIDE

Mr and Mrs H. C. Roland of Niles, California, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Myrtle Dolly Roland, to Gustave Oertel, Jr., son of Mr and Mrs Oertel of Newark, N. J. The wedding will be an event of the early spring.

Monday afternoon the Tolohai Campfire Girls packed a basket of Christmas goodies and took them to the Niles Home for the Aged. They also sang songs and read several selections. The old people, most of whom are crippled and ill, seemed very appreciative of the girls kindness.

### NOTICE

To Patrons of R. R. D. Niles, Cal. I will keep R.F.D. window open on December 25, from 9 a.m. to 12 for R.F.D. mails only for all who care to call for same.  
W. N. CRANE, R.L.C.



There are many things from which I might have derived good by which I have not profited, I dare say, Christmas among the rest. But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time when it has come around—apart from the veneration due to its sacred origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that—as a good time, a kind forgiving charitable time, the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut up hearts freely, and to think of all people as if they really were fellow passengers to the grave, and therefore, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe it has done me good and will do me good; and I say "God Bless It!"  
Dickens' Christmas Carol

## JOINT INSTALLATION

Friday evening December 30, the Masonic Home at Decoto will be the gathering place for several hundred members of the Masonic order and a joint installation of Officers will be held for Alameda Lodge No. 167, of Centerville, Mosaic Lodge No. 28 of Livermore and Alisal Lodge No. 21 of Pleasanton.

Alameda lodge officers to be installed will be: Paul V. Wilson, Worshipful Master; Wm. J. LaPlante, Senior Warden; Ernest Martin, Junior Warden; Louis H. Eggers, Treas.; E. E. Carroll, Sec'y.; Harry C. Searles, Chaplain; Edwin A. Richmond, Sr. Deacon; Hugh M. Kibby, Jr. Deacon; M. J. Overacker Marshal Franklin A. Brown, Sr. Steward; Franklin A. Katzer Jr. Steward; Arnt R. Gronley, Tyler; Fred D. Gatchel, Organist.

## CENTERVILLE

Mr. Harry Salz was on the sick list the first of the week but has fully recovered.

The road work in front of St. James property and along that side, is most unsatisfactory; at least four culverts have been taken out and the water stands in a deep pool. Gravel that has been placed for the drive scraped off. It will be interesting to see what they will do.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Snow and little daughter left for Oakland the first of the week where they will make their future home.

The three new cottages on the Hansen tract are nearly completed and have a very attractive appearance.

The Centerville Lumber Yard is fast receiving their lumber and it is a busy place with a business-like appearance.

Mrs. J. Fitting and sons went to San Jose on Tuesday.

There will be the usual services on Christmas at St. James church, with Christmas sermon. The Sunday School will hold their festivities on Tuesday evening, at 7.30 celebrating with tree and appropriate program.

The United Artisans held their annual dinner at Memorial Hall on Friday night.

The tables were placed in the shape of a T beautifully and appropriately decorated with greens and berries. Candles held red candles; place cards and nut cups also featured in the decorations. Justus Overacker as Master Artisan, presided, and carved a fine 23 lb. turkey which was accompanied with everything to make it perfect. Pumpkin pies ended the repast. After a brief business meeting they played whist. At the close Mr. Wyatt won the First prize for gentlemen. Howard Peterson of Alameda the Consolation prize; Mrs. Bunting First and Mrs. Wyatt consolation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Emerson will leave the Islands for home on December 24. They wrote friends here that they were enjoying the beautiful beach and would visit Hilo and Maui before returning.

Mrs. Mary Pine will entertain at a Family Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Joaquin Silva of Irvington, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pine of Newark and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Waterbury spent Sunday at the latter's home in Modesto.

Monday evening a loud crash startled residents on the Alvarado-Centerville road. It developed that a strange man had run his machine into a telephone pole, breaking it entirely off. The car was overturned and almost totally wrecked but the occupants escaped without a scratch.

### BLUEBIRD CLUB COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS IS BIG SUCCESS

Approximately 500 kiddies were entertained by the Bluebird Club of Newark on Friday evening, when the annual community Christmas Tree was held at the Newark School Auditorium. All in the community of Newark were invited to be guests of the Bluebirds for the evening, and judging from the crowd in attendance it is safe to say that the invitation was accepted by all. The school auditorium was crowded to more than capacity and many were forced to stand. The Newark Fire Department is to be complimented on the splendid manner in which they handled the crowd, endeavoring to see that all possible were seated and keeping order among the children. The entertainment although short, was thoroughly enjoyed, and consisted of three songs by the school children, two little one act plays by the school children, a recitation by Rutherford Keiman, a vocal solo by Morris Silva accompanied by Eva Costa, and several selections by the famed W. O. W. Orchestra. The program ended with the appearance of Santa Claus when boxes of candy, toys and apples, were distributed to all kiddies present and candy passed around to the grown-ups. The dinner set donated by Mr. Fred Dusterberry was flaged during the evening, Mr. W. Flagg, employee of the Graham Manufacturing Co. being the lucky winner.

## CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Midnight Mass; The choir will sing Billman's Mass in F under the direction of Mrs. Clarace Crane, organist.

Sopranos: Mrs. Helen Silveria

Mrs. Emily Silva  
Mrs. Grace Rathbun  
Miss Evelyn Garcia  
Miss Laura Garcia

Altos:  
Mrs. Flora Silva  
Mrs. Mary Duarte  
Mrs. Clarance Crane

The services will open with the "Adeste Fideles," "Holy Night," will be sung at the offertory by the full choir.

### MONDAY WILL BE HOLIDAY

This year, as Christmas falls on Sunday, the business houses and stores in the Township quite generally plan to close on Monday December 26th. The following week, New Years will also be observed by closing Monday.

### ROCK COMPANY OFFICIAL TALKS TO C. OF C.

"The Romance of Rock" was the topic of an interesting talk, given at the Niles Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday by Mr. McHugh of the Pacific Rock Co., the new organization planning to develop gravel pits on land recently purchased near Centerville. The speaker was introduced by Lee Frontz, one of the organizers of the company, and he explained the purpose of the company to erect a spur track, install equipment for double washing material and build a road to connect with the Centerville-Newark highway, so that truck delivery may be expedited. According to present plans, everything should be ready to start production by the middle of April.

Another guest, Mr. W. C. Waterbury, of the firm of Dohner and Galgrath, was called upon. He reported with a brief talk. Mr. Waterbury is the manager of the new Ford garage of his company for the Washington Township district.

### FINE PROGRAM AT MEN'S CLUB JINKS

Dr. J. Whitcomb Broucher, pastor of the First Baptist church of Oakland, was the speaker of the evening at the Christmas Jinks of the Men's Club of Washington Township last Thursday evening. Dr. Broucher held his audience in a masterful way as he appealed to the better instincts of men, illustrating his points by numerous illustrations and humorous stories, the effects of which were heightened by his own kindly optimism and enthusiasm. His talk was both entertaining, helpful, and appropriate for the occasion and was enthusiastically received by all.

About one hundred and thirty members were present to enjoy Dr. Broucher's talk and to do full justice to the excellent dinner served by the Country Club. Turkey was the piece de resistance and the ladies bountifully provided all the necessary adjuncts to the oyster cocktail course to the Christmas pudding dessert. The tables were attractively decorated with Christmas colors. Tiny Santas, squawking balloons and souvenir horns were provided for each guest and brightly colored caps worn by both the club ladies and guests added a further gay and informal note.

The Metropolitan Quartette provided the entertainment during the banquet and repeated encores testified to their success in pleasing the assembly. Following a plea for poor children of the Township, by F. V. Jones, a purse of \$100.06 was collected to provide a Christmas fund for about eighty children who otherwise might be neglected by Santa Claus.

M. Rose, M. J. McKinnin, M. F. Smead, Harvey Braun and W. C. Waterbury were taken into the club as new members. The meeting was said to be one of the most successful ever held by the club. President J. R. Blacow closed the meeting by wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Highway improvements in the Niles Canyon road are being pushed as rapidly as possible these days. At the "narrows" a rock retaining wall is being built and efforts are being made to have it completed before the rains bring up the water level in the creek bed. The crooked wooden bridge is also being rebuilt. By careful planning this work is being done without obstructing traffic or making detours necessary.

## M. DESTRELLO DIES

Manuel Destrello of Niles, who for a number of years has been employed at Murphy's store here, died at his home at eleven o'clock this morning following a short illness. The deceased is survived by his widow, and three children; Mrs. Henry Rhos, Edna and Doris Destrello.



## Serious Floods in Northwestern New York



Air view of the flooded region in northwestern New York, where great property damage was done and many families were driven from their homes.

## Kansas Farmers Inspect the Effete East



Thirty-two Kansas dirt farmers who have been touring the East at the invitation of Senator Capper. They visited the Stock exchange in Wall street and other financial and interesting places of New York city, and attended the opening of congress in Washington.

## New French Stamps Are Beautiful



France is about to issue new postage stamps, and above are three of the beautiful designs selected. At the top is the Arc de Triomphe, in the middle the harbor of La Rochelle and at the bottom Mont St. Michel.

## Santa Claus Gets Pilot's License



Although there may not be sufficient snow for his reindeer sleigh, Santa Claus will still be able to deliver his load of presents on time this Christmas by using the air route. The old saint called at the Commerce department in Washington, where he is shown receiving an airplane pilot's license from Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Aeronautics William P. MacCracken, while Clarence M. Young (right), director of aeronautics, looks on.

## CALIFORNIA NEWS BRIEFS

California's first Christmas tree plantation, and possibly the first in the country, is to be established at Chicago Park, Nevada county, according to an announcement by State Forester M. B. Pratt.

Oak Bar, in Siskiyou county, one of the picturesque "ghost cities" of California, is probably the only town in America which has been sold three times in a single year. According to word from Yreka, Oak Bar has changed hands three times during 1927, the present owners, William Hopewell of Redwood City and John Briha of Alameda, indicating they intend to turn the place into a summer resort.

Public offering of \$1,000,000 State of California building and university bonds 4 per cent bonds was made last week by a syndicate, headed by the Anglo London Paris National Trust and Savings Association. The bonds are general obligations of the State of California, and priced to yield 3.80 per cent. The last preceding offering of State bonds was made several weeks ago on a 3.35 basis.

It is interesting to note that California bonds are enjoying a steadily improving market in the East, as is evidenced by the narrowing price differential between the obligations of California and those of Eastern States, commanding the highest credit rating. The State of California's financial statement shows a total assessed valuation (1927) of \$7,647,607 and a total bonded debt of \$106,513,500.

Award to W. A. Bechtel Company, San Francisco, of a \$43,209 contract for elimination of two railroad grade crossings on the Victory highway near Applegate, Placer county, was announced last week by the state department of public works. The state engineers' estimate on the project was \$55,932. The department also received a low bid of \$22,171 from H. C. Whitley, Los Angeles, on widening eight bridges in Merced county. The state engineer's estimate was \$26,149.

"I do not choose to run in 1928," Coolidge made the phrase, but didn't copyright it. And Big White Deer, Empire Indian Marathon, knows a good phrase when he sees it. He used it boldly and without change to notify Harry Ridgeway of the marathon committee that he will not be in the race next year. But there will be plenty of others, says Ridgeway. The race will be made over the 480-mile Redwood Highway between San Francisco and Grants Pass, Oregon, within a time limit of ten days.

William E. Colby, San Francisco attorney and forestry conservationist, was last week elected chairman of the new State Park Commission, and W. B. Rider, deputy state forester for several years, was named acting chief of the State Division of Parks. Rider was appointed to act temporarily and the matter of choosing a permanent executive officer and division chief was set for the next commission meeting.

A gift of \$10,000 to the University of California at Berkeley for establishment of a bureau for collection and distribution of infantile paralysis serum was announced by President W. W. Campbell last week, following a meeting of the university regents. Fifty San Franciscans joined in making the gift. The bureau will be under direction of Dr. Karl Meyer of the university's Hooper Foundation for Medical Research.

Forty prominent California Democrats met in San Francisco last week to take formal action in an effort to bring the 1928 Democratic National Convention to San Francisco. They decided to send telegrams to all of the ninety-six members of the national committee, urging them to select this city. Charles W. Fay, former San Francisco postmaster, was named chairman of the "San Francisco Democratic Convention Committee." Selection of a convention city will be made in Washington, January 12th, by the national committee.

The California motor vehicle transportation license tax act of 1923 was sustained in effect last week by the supreme court. An attack by the Bacon Service Corporation, operating in Fresno county, was dismissed for want of jurisdiction. The section was passed without discussion or move by any member to amend it. The treasury recommended that these levies be retained as they are.

Gifts totaling \$800,000 and establishment of the new Stanford endowment fund were announced last week by President Ray Lyman Wilbur, following a meeting in San Francisco of the university board of trustees. The general education board had agreed to give Stanford \$1,500,000 fund for advanced work by students and faculty members in physical, chemical, biological and social service.

San Francisco is allotted \$396,449.16, Alameda county \$369,546.60, and Santa Clara county \$143,584.05 under the biennial distribution to the counties of California of their share of the gasoline and transportation license tax collected during the six months period ending September 30.

A premium of \$10,800 for \$1,000,000 worth of the building bonds voted last year, was realized by the State last week at a sale conducted by State Treasurer Charles G. Johnson. The proceeds from the sale will be used in improving the plant of the University of California at Los Angeles.

The Supreme Court decision on illegal evidence in prohibition cases is not new, nor will it affect California, it was declared recently by Superior Judge Walter Perry Johnson. "Federal and State courts have different procedure," he said. "In State courts it makes no difference, once the trial starts, how the evidence is obtained. In Federal courts the legality of the evidence may be questioned at any time during the trial."

The annual convention of County Coroners of California was held last week in the offices of Dr. T. B. W. Leland, coroner of San Francisco county. Fifteen members of the association attended.

Indicating the growth of educational institutions on the Pacific coast, the State Department of Education announced last week that the average city high school in California has reached a size greater than private colleges in some sections of the country. The average California city high school, for instance, has five separate buildings and some have as many as ten. There is at least one auditorium and gymnasium to each institution and the average school is equipped with fifty-eight classrooms. A survey of eighty-five high schools in forty-two cities was reported as showing an average enrollment of 1,169 and average daily attendance of 1,010. These cities maintain one teacher to every seventeen, six pupils enrolled and one educational supervisor to every forty-three teachers.

Thirty-five new banking structures to represent a minimum cost of \$2,500,000 have been scheduled for construction in the Los Angeles territory during the coming year by the Bank of Italy National Trust and Savings Association. Announcement of the tentative physical development program, which in all probability will run far in excess of the above figures, was made last week by R. V. Morrison, in charge of the bank's constructions.

California husbands must pay income tax for their wives, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last week at San Francisco, in a decision upholding the action of David H. Blair, commissioner of internal revenue at Los Angeles. Blair refused to consider separate income tax returns by William Roth and his wife, Edith, of Los Angeles, in 1921, and ruled that Roth must file a single return for both himself and wife.

Announcing that California state banks now have deposits totaling \$1,573,402,560.38, Will C. Wood, state superintendent of banks, declared last week that deposits ought to amount to over two billion dollars by January 1, 1929. "This is a period of intense competition in every line of business, and banking is not an exception," Wood said in the December number of the "State Banking Department Bulletin."

A warning against diphtheria was sounded last week by the state department of public health, as the disease began its seasonal increase. Approximately 125 cases per week are being reported to the state health authorities. Parents are urged to have their children immunized.

The Tri-State Airlines of Oakland announced recently that by the middle of next month the company will have a fleet of big monoplanes carrying from four to twelve passengers to many important cities in the west, including Sacramento, Stockton, Modesto, Fresno and Bakersfield in interior California.

Members of the California tax commission met in San Francisco last week to discuss plans for beginning their investigation of the state's revenues, shortly after the first of the year. Choice of a tax expert to assist in studying the revenue system and to search for sources of revenue now being overlooked, was under discussion, and Irving Martin, Stockton, chairman of the commission, said they were desirous of getting the best expert available.

Receipt of the fourth court certificate seeking aid for a crippled child under the State's new Crippled Children's Act, was announced a few days ago by Dr. Walter M. Dickie, director of public health. The latest certificate is from Butte county. One case has been certified from Fairfield and two from Fresno. The Butte county child will be brought to a hospital in Sacramento for treatment necessary to restore it to health, the expense being first borne by the State and later by the county.

Reclamation of Dos Rios Island, at the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, with the view of establishing a prison farm upon it, is being given serious consideration by the State administration. Alexander R. Heron, State director of finance, has reported to Governor C. C. Young that expenditure of a few thousand dollars will probably be sufficient to reclaim a considerable acreage for truck garden purposes. San Quentin prison inmates, under this plan, would work the island which belongs to the State.

Plans for the construction of a Lutheran university near Culver City, the first unit of which will cost \$5,000,000, were announced at Los Angeles last week by Dr. L. E. Boe, president of St. Ola College at Northfield, Minn.

The highest arch span bridge in the California State highway system was opened to traffic last week in the Harlan D. Miller memorial bridge across Dog Creek on the Pacific Highway in the Sacramento River Canyon. The great structure is 130 feet above the creek bed. It is just below the town of Delta.

## Improved Uniform International

# Sunday School Lesson

(By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean Moody Bible-Institute of Chicago.)  
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## Lesson for December 25

### CHRISTMAS LESSON

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:1-20.

GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Coming of the Christ Child.

JUNIOR TOPIC—God Sends His Son to Earth.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Prince of Peace.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Promised Era of Peace.

### I. The Birth of Jesus (vv. 1-7).

1. Jesus' birth foretold (Mic. 5:2). Only a little while before the fulfillment of this prophecy which was made some seven hundred years before, there seemed little likelihood that Micah's words would come true. Jesus' mother was miles away from Bethlehem in Galilee. God moved the emperor to enforce the decree of taxation which brought Mary to the village at the proper time.

2. Jesus' birth announced to Mary and Joseph (Luke 1:26-38).

Gabriel, the archangel, sent by God to the little town of Nazareth to Mary, a Jewish maiden who was betrothed to a carpenter in the village by the name of Joseph, solemnly announced that she should give birth to the Messiah, and that this son should not be Joseph's, but the child of the Holy Ghost (Matt. 1:18-21). Later the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph also, making to him the same announcement and added that the child should be called Jesus, which means that Jehovah will save His people from their sins (Matt. 1:21).

### 3. The prediction fulfilled (v. 7).

This took place at a most opportune time. It occurred when all systems of religion and immoral worship were tottering upon their foundations, therefore most suitable for the introduction of the gospel. The whole world being under the power of the Romans who then ruled it, made it possible for Christ's ministers to go from city to city and country to country unmolested. We can be assured that the Almighty rules in the whole universe and is never tardy in His administrations.

### II. Jesus Birth Announced to the Shepherds (vv. 8-14).

1. To whom (v. 8). Jesus' birth was announced to the shepherds who were keeping watch over their flocks by night. The fact that the glorious message was first sounded forth to them shows that poverty is no barrier to its reception. Their humble station in life and their being busy with common duties did not prevent them from hearing this glorious message from God. Moses, Gideon, Amos and Elisha were all called of God from the activities of life. He never calls lazy people.

### 2. By whom (v. 9).

The first gospel sermon was preached by an angel of the Lord. We thus see them interested in men and having part in the announcement of God's plan for their salvation. No doubt the angelic beings earnestly sympathized with fallen, sin-cursed man.

### 3. The nature of the message (vv. 10, 11).

It was good tidings of great joy. It was good tidings because the darkness of heathendom, which had so long covered the earth, was beginning to vanish. The casting out of Satan, the prince of this world, was about to take place. Liberty was soon to be proclaimed to those who were in bondage. The way of salvation was to be open to all. No longer was the knowledge of God to be confined to the Jews, but offered to the whole world. Truly this was glorious news; so glorious that a multitude of the heavenly host accompanied this announcement with their song of praise.

### III. The Shepherds Investigating (vv. 15, 16).

They did not stop to argue or raise questions, though these things were, no doubt, passing strange to them. They went immediately to Bethlehem, where they found everything just as represented. They had the privilege of first gazing upon the world's Savior, the very Lord of Glory. They returned with gratitude in their hearts, praising God for all these wonderful things which He had revealed unto them.

### IV. The Shepherds' Witnessing (vv. 17-20).

They found things as announced by the angels. When they beheld the Lord of Glory they could not remain silent, therefore went back praising God. Those who really hear the gospel message cannot be silent. Those who really hear the gospel must tell it out to others.

### Trials That Never Come

For every trial that God sends, He gives sufficient grace to bear it, but He promises no grace to bear anticipation with, and we little know how large a portion of our mental suffering arises from trials that never come.—Evangelical Tidings.

### An Unprofitable Life

The earth life which is not passed in the light which beams out from the glory world would better have not been lived at all.—Gospel Banner.

## WROTE PRIZE ESSAY



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Miss Bethel Pugh of Pueblo, Colo., winner of the national safety essay contest, was congratulated by President Coolidge when she called at the White House. She was escorted by Senator Waterman of her native state.

## FACES REPRIMAND



Capt. Richard D. White, United States naval attaché in Paris, whose remarks at a dinner in Paris are under inquiry by the Navy department. Secretary Wilbur demanded a full text of the officer's speech.

## DRY PUBLICITY



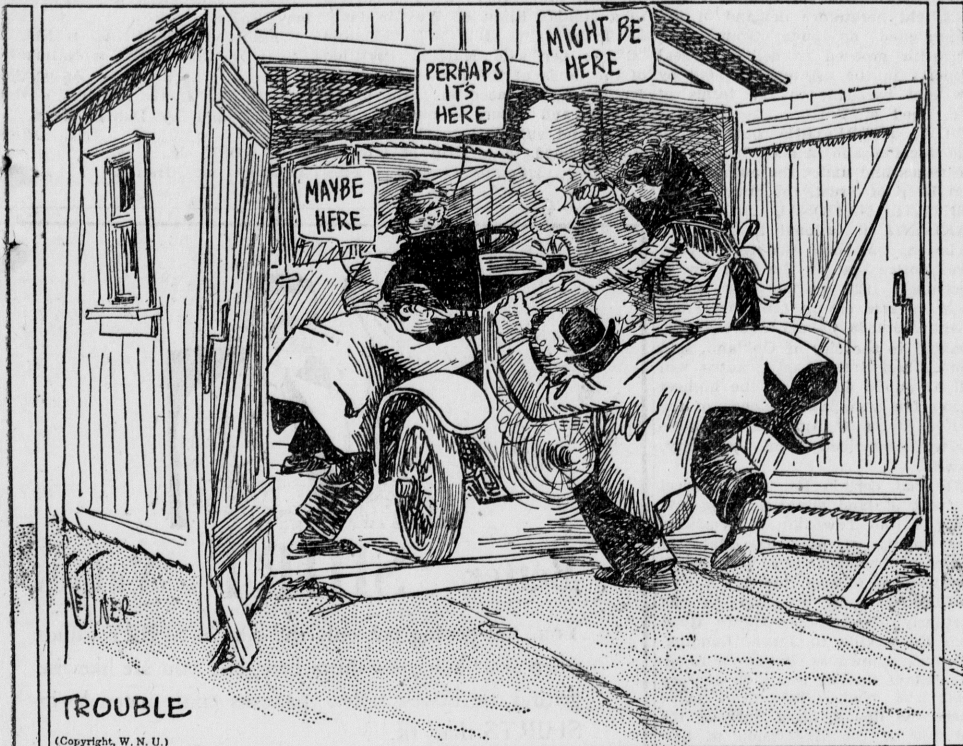
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Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington of Ohio, selected as the director of the new Anti-Saloon league department of policy, education and research.



## OUR COMIC SECTION

## Off the Concrete



## FINNEY OF THE FORCE



## THE FEATHERHEADS



## Storm Clouds in the West

## California Ranch News

Principal farm commodities produced in Fresno county during the calendar year 1927, to November 1, had an aggregate value of \$82,001,661, or an increase of almost \$15,000,000 over the same period of 1926, according to a survey made by the Fresno County Chamber of Commerce, figures on which have recently been released.

Grapes and raisins are by far the leaders, the value of these two items alone being in excess of \$56,000,000. Fresh grapes come first, with a valuation estimated by the Chamber of Commerce accountants at \$32,077,500 for 22,750 cars, and raisin production second, with an estimated valuation equal that of 1926, when it was placed at \$13,926,400 for 174,080 tons.

R. R. Baker, vice president of the Modoc County Bank, who acts as selling agent for the bulk of Modoc County wool, has received a bid of 30 cents per pound for next season's clip, provided between 100,000 and 125,000 fleeces will be guaranteed at this price. To date Baker has not closed with the offer.

Plans for holding a banquet of all members of the Tulare County Farm Bureau in Visalia sometime in January, have been announced by J. T. Stewart of Orange Cove, president of the organization. This will be the first banquet of the kind given in Tulare County. A number of important State agriculturalists will be speakers.

One of the biggest problems now under way at Chaffey Union High School experiment station in Ontario is development of a fruit to take the place of low-grade peaches, as many trees are being "pulled" in local orchards, according to George P. Welton, Chaffey pomologist. At a recent meeting of peach growers, shippers, and directors of agriculture at Sacramento, it was agreed that overproduction of peaches caused the uncertain market last season. Many growers have realized the situation also and have proceeded to take out a number of their trees in favor of other fruits.

Rev. C. E. Smith of Paradise, Butte County, gathered approximately 280 pounds of walnuts off two trees growing in his yard. The older tree, a graft fourteen years old, yielded at least 200 pounds. The younger graft is four years old. The grafts are from a seedling planted by J. C. Cory of Paradise from some French nuts presented to his wife many years ago and resemble in appearance the Franquette except that these are pointed at both ends. The variety has never been named.

Only 6,000 bales of cotton have been turned out of the five gins of Corcoran to date, against a total of 11,909 at the same date last year. Owing to low prices last year, the planting of cotton was much smaller this year, being 9,500 acres for 1927 against 13,000 acres in 1926.

An entirely new unit, 200 feet long and 100 feet wide, will be added to the annual Orange Show at Bakersfield this year, to care for the display of agricultural implements. This will be the second new department added to the show, the other being the \$5,000 building which will house the citrus by-products division. The new unit will house such exhibits as orchard pumps, spraying machinery, orchard heaters, tractors and trucks, and, generally speaking, all such industrial displays as are peculiar to the citrus industry, according to plans outlined by Manager R. H. Mack. There will be space for approximately 100 exhibitors in the new addition and indications are that all available display room will be spoken for long before the show opens on February 16.

The board of directors of the California Vineyardists' Association at their meeting in Fresno opposed any restriction upon the immigration of Mexican labor, by resolution. Legislation now before Congress would place immigration from Mexico upon a quota basis. "Should proposed restricted measures be enacted limiting immigration from Mexico to 1,500 persons per year," the resolution read, "the grape growing industry of California would receive another staggering blow, as it has not yet recovered from post war depression."

Rice mills are again running at Biggs, Butte County, with orders coming in for shipments. Some of the rice that was harvested immediately after the last rain had a moisture content running from 20 to 25 per cent and much effort was made to condition it so that it would not heat when stacked. It is not known how successful these efforts are. The rice coming in daily by a steady stream of trucks into the warehouse averages about 14 per cent moisture content, just 1 per cent above the general seasonal average.

The rates for electrical power to be used in agriculture have been voluntarily reduced from 10 to 20 per cent by the Coast Counties Gas & Electric Company. The company serves consumers in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.

The first head lettuce deal in the Dinuba district got under way on November 21, when the American Fruit Growers, Inc., shipped the first car of the season. It is expected that about thirty cars will be shipped this year. The lettuce is being grown on the Eraser Brothers ranch in the Yettem area. While the crop this year is experimental, indications are that the product will be of high quality and a larger acreage is anticipated for next season.

Two hundred thousand boxes of oranges, worth approximately \$1,000,000, have been shipped from Santa Paula this season by the Mupu Orange Association, according to C. E. Whipple, manager of the association. The packing-house was operated for nine months this year, the longest run in the history of the plant. The average return to members of the Mupu association has been \$12,500 for the season, says Mr. Whipple.

A car of oats for seed purposes was recently received in Calipatria. Several ranchers are going to plant oats, rather than barley, with their alfalfa this year. The VII company alone will plant 500 acres. As yet, it is unknown how oats will feed off in comparison to the commonly used barley, but growers are confident that it will make a better selling mixed hay. The demand for barley and alfalfa hay has been weak for the last several years.

Loans, which in the last twenty-two months have totaled \$97,500, have been made to Chico farmers through the Chico Association of the Butte County National Farm Loan Association. This is according to a statement made by the secretary, Charles H. Camper. The loans vary in size from \$1,000 to \$16,500. The interest rate has been reduced from 5 1/2 to 5 per cent.

Dividend checks totaling \$31,000 were mailed last week to members of the Placerville Fruitgrowers' Association, which has just concluded its annual meeting at Placerville. The net profits of the association for the year totaled \$69,000.

Planting of the cereal experiments at the University Farm at Davis was completed last week. These experiments, which form an important part of the agronomy division research work, cover investigations with wheat, barley, oats and rye, with emphasis on the first two. There are about ten acres devoted to this work, which is divided into two classes, according to the progress of the experiment.

Further improvements in the condition of California's cotton crop during November led the federal-state crop reporting service last week to forecast a total yield of 94,000 bales. This is an increase of 1,000 bales over the November 1st forecast, and compares with a total production of 130,590 bales in 1926. The average yield per acre will be approximately 352 pounds, as against 337 pounds last year.

Glenn County farmers are planting more barley this season than last. It is estimated by local grain dealers that the acreage of barley will be twice that of wheat. The return to popularity of barley is attributed to the sharp rise in barley prices this year. Local dealers report that last season's crop of wheat has been entirely cleaned up.

The annual grazing report just submitted by the officers of the Modoc National Forest shows that during the past year the Modoc forest furnished pasturage for a total of 35,853 cattle and horses and 95,367 sheep owned and run by about 400 permittees. The Modoc National Forest, which provides range for more stock than any other national forest unit in the California district, covers almost 2,000,000 acres, of which about three-fourths is vacant government land, the balance being owned by timber holding companies and local stockmen.

The highest price in the world ever paid for live lamb--\$5.00 a pound--was realized at the Christmas Fat Livestock Week Sale in Los Angeles. The Grand Champion California Southdown lamb made this record in open competitive bidding. The same lamb, dressed and quartered, was snapped up by eager buyers at \$8.00 a pound. The second prize lamb brought \$1.00 a pound. Individual lambs, lots of lambs, and carloads of lambs were also entered as prize stock in the competitive bidding.

Co-operation has rehabilitated the beef cattle growing business in California. It has placed it on a sound financial basis following several years of depression. This was indicated at the closing session in San Francisco last week of the California Cattle-men's Association and Western Marketing Association, held at the Palace Hotel. Reports showed the associations are debt free, made sales approximating \$12,000,000 in 1927 and have now listed on their rolls approximately a million head of beef cattle.

## The DAIRY

## GET RID OF ALL BOARDER COWS

Get rid of the boarder cows and make the good ones produce more milk is the advice of Prof. H. A. Hopper at the State College of Agriculture to New York state dairymen. The milk situation is largely in the hands of Empire state producers, he says, and if they take a few steps to insure plenty of milk during the next few weeks, the usual shortage period, they can do much to meet the demands of the New York market.

To increase the protein cows get, they may be fed a mixture of 200 pounds corn or hominy, 100 barley, 300 wheat bran, 200 cottonseed meal, 100 linseed oil meal, and 100 pounds gluten feed. Dairymen who have peas, oats and barley may mix 1,200 pounds of the ground mixture with 400 cottonseed meal, 200 gluten feed, and 200 oil meal.

Cows that will freshen soon should be in good condition; grain fed to them is well invested, Professor Hopper says. Nothing helps more nor is a better investment than a good supply of drinking water for cows. Milk is mostly water, but cows can't make milk without it. Buckets in the barn quickly pay for themselves.

Cows that are on short pasture should have green fodder. Good second growth in meadows may be pastured if the cows are managed carefully. They should have a feeding of dry hay before they are turned into the meadow, and the grass, of course, should be dry, for they may bloat if they eat wet green grass.

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## Progress Being Made in Dairy Industry Is Good

Not so many years ago the milk production of the average cow was around 3,000 pounds a year. Now it is over 4,000 pounds a year and it will go higher. Last year 12,200 cows owned by 700 Illinois dairymen averaged 7,566 pounds of milk. The average feed cost of these cows was \$77.53 and the average value of the product \$187.65. These cows were "owned and operated" by men who were interested in their business, for they were members of dairy herd improvement associations. How would it do for some of our orators to go and tell them that we know enough about production, and that prosperity lies in something else?—Ohio Farmer.

## Feed Green Soy Beans to Improve Milk Flavor

Experiments just reported by the United States Department of Agriculture show that feeding green soy beans to dairy cows just before milking tends to improve the flavor of the milk. The soy beans were fed in quantities up to 30 pounds per cow. The soy beans were first fed when the plants began to form pods and were continued until the beans had reached full size, but were not hard. While soy beans improve the milk flavor, rape fed green just before milking had the opposite effect, imparting an objectionable flavor to the milk.

## Dairy Facts

Always feed grain according to the amount of milk produced.

When calves are fed grain in stanchions, each gets its share.

Alfalfa has a high feeding value in that it is palatable and nutritious.

Three-leaf clover is as lucky as four-leaf, if the dairymen have enough of it.

Dairymen should feed all the legume hay and silage that a cow will eat up clean.

A good dairy cow probably consumes more water than any other domestic animal. The more feed consumed, the more water the cow requires.

Provide silage for the herd. No dairymen can reach real permanent prosperity without a silo, or at least the silo will materially increase his stability and prosperity.

One form of garget is chronic and "catching," and if you get that into your herd, the only cure is to sell off the affected cows.

The important thing for the dairymen is to provide a convenient place and an abundance of hot water for washing and rinsing all utensils.

Herd uniformity and beauty may seem to have an intangible value only. But when it comes to selling the offspring that view is quickly changed. Beauty is an asset.



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### PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Dr. and Mrs. Sneden of Oakland and Mr. and Mrs. Wm Eberly of San Francisco were luncheon guests at the E. S. Bergstrom home Tuesday.

Mr. Starr of the firm of Bendel and Starr of Niles, left Monday for Alberta, Canada, where he will have charge of some important mine surveying for the next few weeks.

Master Richard Gibson of Oakland and Bob Ludish of Berkeley are spending this week as the guests of Howard Roland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver and the latter's sister, Mrs. Enos of Oakland, returned Wednesday from a few days' visit at the M. Oliver home at Gridley. Mr. Oliver brought down a few wild geese in the Gridley vicinity.

Laura Loma Parlor N. D. G. W. enjoyed a Christmas party at the I. O. O. F. hall Tuesday evening. A Christmas tree and exchange of gifts were pleasant features of the evening. Mesdames Cahill, May Moore and Mary Bernard were the committee in charge.

Wednesday afternoon, while working at the Associated Gravel plant at Niles, Joe Cortez of this place, received painful scalp wounds when rocks fell from a bucket, onto his head. He was not seriously injured.

Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Jones will entertain at dinner Christmas eve, the E. A. Ellsworth family and their house guests; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morgan and daughter, Cheryl of Modesto, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Smethers and two daughters of Ripon, and Mr. Edward B. Ellsworth of Berkeley.

Rev. J. R. Stevenson of Irvington, who formerly held positions as linotype operator at Philadelphia, Pa., Atlantic City, N. J. and other eastern cities, has been assisting with the linotype work on the Township Register the past two weeks.

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEES' SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

WHEREAS, JOSEPH PASTORINO, single, did make, execute and deliver his certain deed of trust dated March 9th, 1925, to CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF OAKLAND, a National Banking Association, as Grantee for the benefit and security of JACK STADLER, the beneficiary under said deed of trust, which deed of trust was duly recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Alameda, State of California on the 13th day of March, 1925 in Volume 926 of Official Records on page 351, and which said deed of trust was given to secure the payment of a certain promissory note of said Grantor in the principal sum of Eleven Hundred Forty (\$1140.00) Dollars made, executed and delivered by said Grantor to said beneficiary, and by which said deed of trust the real property therein described was conveyed to said Grantee for the purposes therein specified; and

WHEREAS, said beneficiary, Jack Stadler, is now and at all times mentioned in said Deed of Trust, the owner and holder of said note and said Deed of Trust and of the indebtedness due thereunder; and

WHEREAS, said Grantor has made default in the payment of said promissory note and in the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust, and has defaulted under the terms of said Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, JACK STADLER, said beneficiary, did heretofore and pursuant to the statutes in such cases made and provided, and after and while said Grantor was in default as aforesaid, and on the 23rd day of August, 1927 record in volume 1618 of Official Records at page 436 in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, California, its notice of said default and breach

by said Grantor under said terms of said deed of trust and notice of his election to sell or cause to be sold the real property herein-after and in said Deed of Trust described reference to which said notice is hereby made; and

WHEREAS, more than three months have elapsed since the recordation of said notice of breach of the terms of said Deed of Trust and of said notice of election to sell said real property; and

WHEREAS, the said JACK STADLER, did heretofore demand of the undersigned as such Grantee to forthwith proceed to sell said real property in the manner provided by law and pursuant to the terms of said Deed of Trust;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to said demand and in accordance with the terms and under the authority of said Deed of Trust, the undersigned, CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF OAKLAND, a National Banking Association, as such Grantee hereby gives notice that on the 24th day of December, 1927 at the hour of 10 A. M. of said day at the front steps of the Alameda County Court House, situated in the city of Oakland, said County and State, said Grantee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, the hereinafter described real property, to-wit:

All that certain lot, piece, parcel or tract of land situated, lying and being in the Township of Washington, County of Alameda, State of California, bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the Northernly line of the County Road from Centerville to Jarvis Landing, otherwise known as Mayhew's Landing, distant thereon South 52 degrees west 2.93 chains from the point where the line dividing Surveys 129 and 130 of the Ex-Mission of San Jose intersects said line of said Road; and running thence North 43 degrees west 11.67 chains to a stake, thence south 47 degrees west 8.97 chains to a stake in the center of a private road 30 feet wide; thence along the center of said Private Road south 43 degrees east 10.88 chains to a stake on the said northernly line of said County Road from Centerville to Jarvis Landing; and thence along said last named line, north 52 degrees east 9.01 chains, to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING about 10.118 acres, and being a portion of a tract of land designated as Survey 129, otherwise as Lot 49 on the official connected Plat of Ex-Mission of San Jose, as certified 28th day of October, 1865 by the U. S. Surveyor General of California, said portion being designated as Tract "B" on a certain Map entitled, "MAP IN PARTITION OF THE LANDS OF THE ESTATE OF EBENEZER HALEY, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF EX-MISSION SURVEY NO. 129, WASHINGTON TP., ALAMEDA CO., CALIFORNIA, Sept. 1899", filed November 27th, 1899 in the office of the County Recorder of said Alameda County.

TOGETHER with a Right of Way, in the extreme westerly boundary of said above described tract "B."

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in lawful money of the United States on fall of hammer and costs of sale at purchaser's expense and title at purchaser's risk and sale subject to unpaid taxes and assessments if any.

JACK STADLER the owner and holder of said promissory note and of the said indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, or any other person, may purchase at said sale.

Dated this 29th day of November 1927.

CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF OAKLAND, a National Banking Association.

By J. G. Hassler, Cashier and by Daniel Read, Trust Officer.

(seal) J. J. ROSE, Jr., Attorney for Grantee.



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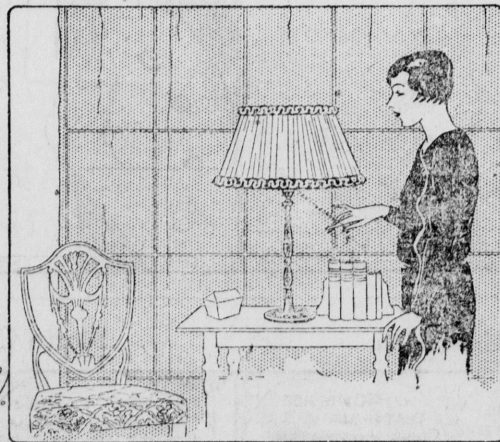
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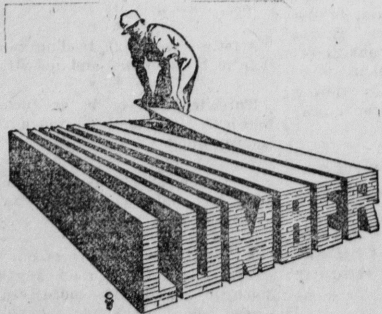
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## DECOTO

Miss Breiner and Mrs. M. Mills  
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Five hundred were present at the  
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evening and the room was packed  
to its capacity. The play "Tommy  
Murphy's Christmas" was well ren-  
dered by the children. Much credit  
was given to the teachers, Mothers'  
Club, and to the other women of the  
community who made the costumes.  
The funds are to be used for the  
new stage curtains that were used  
for the first time for this play.

On December 15 the Mothers Club  
met at the home of Mrs. Amaral.  
They made 68 Christmas stockings,  
and 30 bags. Mrs. Blose served  
chocolate cake and tea. The next  
meeting will be held at the Decoto  
Community Religious Center on Jan-  
uary 5.

On Monday 158 new post office  
boxes were installed in Olsen's store.  
The entire new office was put to-  
gether by Mr. Swanson. The in-  
creasing number of residents caused  
the post office department to en-  
large the post office.

At the December 18th meeting of  
the Christian Endeavor a Scripture  
Worship service was given. Orville  
Blose gave the topic, "Does it pay  
to be popular?" The offering was  
sent to the Near East Relief. Eliza-  
beth Bowers served fruit cake and  
tea, during the social hour. This  
Sunday evening Christmas stories  
will be told and afterwards they will  
have an old fashioned get-together.

## AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

From 2 to 4 o'clock today the Sun-  
day School, Sewing Classes, and  
Friendly Indians gave their Christ-  
mas program. The church was fill-  
ed. Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa  
Claus gave the pupils of the three  
classes stockings full of candy, nuts,  
and fruit.

On Sunday morning at the Com-  
munity church special Sunday School  
services will be held. Presents will  
be distributed to the members.  
Christmas award pins are to be given  
to those who have been present  
every Sunday during the past quar-  
ter. Award Picture Cards will also  
be given out.

The C. E. Society of the Commu-  
nity church will present a Christmas  
program entitled "A Christmas Page-  
ant of Peace," at the church tomor-  
row evening. The program will be  
divided into three parts. Many ap-  
propriate songs will be used  
throughout and Rev. John R. Stev-  
enson of Irvington will read the story.

During the last part of the pro-  
gram ten nations of the world will be  
represented by different young peo-  
ple of the society. Music in keeping  
with each nation will accompany  
their appearance.

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their guardian. Friday evening and  
was a delightful affair. A fine pro-  
gram was given by the girls con-  
sisting of the following numbers:  
Welcome by the President, Elizabeth  
Shinn; piano duet by Lois Abrott  
and Elizabeth Shinn.

A Monologue, "Mrs. Crandall's Um-  
brella Lecture," Adeline Rathburn.  
Vocal Solo Betty Houlton  
Poem Daisy Mendall  
Medley of Old Song Hits,

Frances Habernicht  
Elizabeth Shinn  
Song, "Mother McCree," Lois Abrott  
Reading, "When Pa Shaved Off His  
Whiskers," Gertrude Ellsworth  
Vocal Duet Betty Houlton and

Adeline Rathburn

Christmas Carols by all the girls.  
Talk by Mrs. Townsend, guardian  
Following the program, the moth-  
ers were presented with filled  
stockings which had been hung  
around the fireplace, each contain-  
ing a gift made by the girls. The  
girls surprised their guardian by pre-  
sented her with a bouquet of beau-  
tiful roses, as a token of their ap-  
preciation of her interest in them.

Following the distribution of gifts,  
refreshments were served. At nine  
o'clock the following boys joined  
the party: Leon Amyx, Paul Gyax,  
Mervyn Blaw, Lloyd Higland,  
Eldred Laudenschlager, Jim Cull,  
Jim Bunker, Bob Amyx and Ray-  
mond Crane. Dancing and a gen-  
eral good time followed. Lavon  
Moulder and Dorothy Smith were al-  
so guests at the party.

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## HATCHET CLEAVES NEW RECORD

The Christmas edition of "The  
Hatchet," Washington Union High  
School paper, which made its ap-  
pearance last Friday, was an excel-  
lent number. Special Christmas ar-  
ticles, in addition to the usual well  
chosen run of news stories and  
items, made interesting reading. The  
pleasing and striking appearance of  
the paper itself, was enhanced by a  
tint-tone of Santa himself, on the  
front page. This was done in green  
ink and the season's greetings were  
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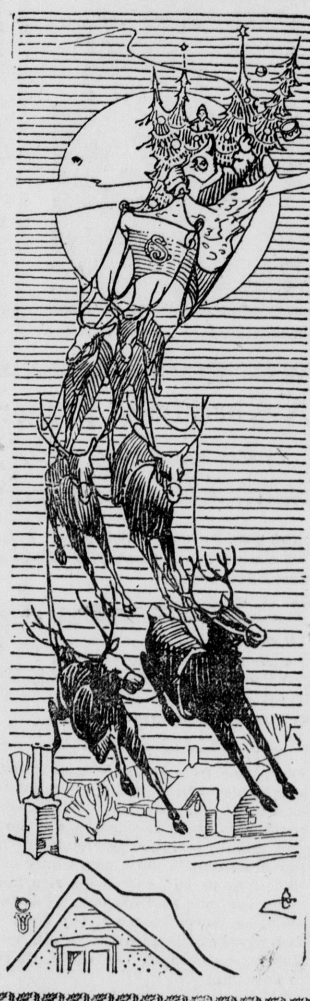
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# When Christmas Comes



## Oksheda's Christmas

by Noni C. Bailey

WHOSE oksheda washda daw? was the semi-Sioux greeting of the plump little Scotch Canadian mother as the sunny-haired young laddie came running into the kitchen, where already the porridge was cooked and the tea brewing for breakfast on this, his second Christmas. She caught him in her arms and tossed him high above her head.

"Whose very good boy?" was what she had said, partly in the language she had learned from her husband. His nurse had been one of those squaws of the picturesque type still to be seen in Manitoba. In summer they come, selling wild red raspberries or choke-cherries; in winter, trudging on snowshoes into the village to visit their customers.

Hugging the little lad to her breast, the rosy mother half sobbed as she tried to say it cheerfully, "Whose oksheda washda daw?" Even as she repeated the greeting, the door swung open and a sudden gust of wind swept the fine, dry snow, like biting dust, into her face. Before her stood one of these old Indian women, apparently exhausted from a long journey through the storm.

"Oksheda washda daw?" she gasped, then continued in her native tongue, "Wichyenna, you speak the language of my people. You speak the cry of my heart. Last night I read it in the rainbow-hued streamers of light from the north—the night wind sang it—oksheda!"

The wrinkled old face twisted into a pained smile as she sank in a heap by the kitchen fire. A bit of paper fluttered to the floor from her hand. "The Great Spirit calls—it is the end of the trail," she whispered as the little mother bent over her, anxiously chafing her hands. She saw the faded old eyes suddenly brighten, then close suddenly—it was the end of the trail. "See, see," said the little lad, holding up the scrap of paper which had

fallen from the squaw's hand. Opening it reverently, the Canadian woman exclaimed, "My certe! It's an ill wind that blows nobody good, sure enough. Her oksheda!"

She rushed into the living room, where her "oksheda wechasta" (married boy) was lighting the candles on the scantily decorated Christmas tree. "Look, Robert, on Christmas Day it has come. The mystery and all—see! It is the oksheda's Christmas!" she exclaimed, as she gave him the crumpled paper to read.

Robert had been found when a baby by a band of Indians. Only the old squaw who had come to the end of the trail this Christmas morning knew the paper existed. All night long in the blinding snow storm she had traveled on her snowshoes—traveled that she might find some one to whom she could tell the story.

All these years she had guarded the paper, which she could not read, feeling that in some way it would bring good fortune to the oksheda who had seemed her very own little white baby. She had loved him so. She was afraid to show the paper to her people—the paper she had found hidden in his clothing. She was afraid she might lose him if they knew. Then one day he wandered out of her sight and the M. P. had found him by the lake alone.

No white man was found to claim him. The Indians were afraid to. Their white brothers would ask them to explain and often their white brothers did not believe. His foster mother loved him; but she, too, was afraid. So she hugged the bit of paper to her heart and kept silent vigil.

The M. P. took the lad home and hired an Indian nurse from the settlement to care for him. Every summer the old squaw came with her pail of red raspberries, only to grunt her thanks and look furtively about her to assure herself that all was well with the boy, then chuckle to herself as she patted her breast where the precious paper lay. In winter she would sometimes look through the open spaces in the frost-covered windows to see the candles on the Christmas tree and see her oksheda dancing with joy.

Then came the wedding, and for three years she had not known where to find the "oksheda wechasta."

The paper—ah, yes. It told who Robert was. His father had been a

## A Christmas Prayer

By AMY BARRON LEONARD  
in Kansas Farmer

Oh God, I ask no worldly gifts,  
But give I pray, memories of happiness  
That I have known;  
And to this add forgetfulness  
Of severed ties and darkened paths.  
Let me alone  
For any selfish grief, by joyfulness  
And smiling see, this Christmas Day,  
The star that shone,  
To guide the wise men on their way.

second son from Devonshire, who had sought his fortune in the great Northwest. It told how the young wife could not stand the hardships; how the father, too, had surrendered to the storm-king's fury one Christmas Eve; how he had cached his rich find under the rock that resembled the owl near the source of the river; how he had wrapped his greatcoat about wee Robert and prayed the Great Spirit to save him.

"A great Christmas for us all, Robert; but it is the oksheda I'm thinking of most. With the war come and the business gone, there wasn't to be much Christmas—but now! See, laddie, the storm is breaking; the sun is beginning to shine. My certe! My certe!"

"There, there, lassie, here comes the little shaver. Mind you don't let him in here till I go to the store again. There are toys and things to be put on the tree. The way it's come to us on Christmas, I know we'll find the gold."

When the snows melted they made the journey together. This year, as usual, the oksheda with the golden curls and the oksheda wechasta with the black mustache are trimming the gorgeous tree that stands in the bay window of the beautiful farmhouse near the river's source. The sleigh bells jingle merrily as the cutter stops outside with a load of little Indian boys from the settlement, who are brought each year to share the festival of the "Oksheda's Christmas." And down by the brink of the river is the rock that resembles an owl.

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## Singing Christmas Carols

The old custom of singing carols in the streets was revived in 1917. In 1918 thirty cities co-operated. It is expected that carols will be sung this Christmas eve on the streets, in the parks, as well as in the churches, schools and public institutions of communities.

## FROM HERE AND THERE

The development of New York city's watershed was begun in 1837. The heat of the sun is about 46,000 times as intense as the heat of the earth.

Half the children under one year of age who take scarlet fever die of the disease.

The ocean is steadily becoming more salty, but the rate of increase is very slow.

The Rocky mountain bluejay is really a gray jay.

A survey of occupations in which blind persons are engaged is being made.

The United States has 862 species of forest trees, according to a new survey.

Mexico City spent almost five times as much on movies as on bull fights last year.

## Gay Wraps Style for Evening Wear

Lavish Fabrics, New Colors Appear; Furs Lend Flattering Touches.

The opening of the opera season—always one of the most important events in New York's world of fashion—this year more than fulfilled its promise. The elaborate evening gowns and wraps, which are arrayed there to such advantage, have been conspicuous for their beauty and distinction. Though avoiding any element of the bizarre, notes a fashion writer in the New York Times, the costumes worn at the fashionable nights are opulent in their use of fabrics and delightfully artistic in designs. They present brilliant scenes as the wearers dine at smart restaurants and later enter the magic circle of boxes.

The evening wraps seen this season are creations of great luxury and beauty.

The artists on both sides of the water who have produced them, using splendid brocades, plain fabrics and furs, have achieved distinction and marked individuality even while conforming to the latest modes.

Traditions have been thrown aside in the selections of colors for the new evening wraps, which so readily compel one's attention at the opera or at private parties and suppers at fashionable restaurants. The vast advance that has been made in dyes presents far more than the royal reds and blues, purples and greens of the Victorian modes and the other evening shades that have so long been used. Subtle color tones that were never before visualized are reflected in some of the latest models in wraps that will be seen at formal affairs all through the winter.

Among the New Colors.

A new vocabulary of names must be learned with this season's colors. Honey-beige, which is all the rage, is illustrated in a luxurious wrap which is made of chiffon velvet and lined with apricot velvet. The design is particularly graceful and very practical. It is a straight-cut, full-length garment, to which there is added a cape, half-fitted, with the section over each arm joined to the shoulder by clusters of small tufts. A voluminous round collar is made of fox fur dyed in this honey-beige shade, and a wide band of the same fur finishes the cape.

A variant of this evening wrap is also made of honey-beige velvet. It is lined with the same material, and, being all of one piece, it has an enveloping shawl collar of ermine dyed to match the velvet. This is one of the most striking examples of two features in the season's style in evening wraps—the dyeing of even the most costly furs to match the material, and the use of velvet as a lining.

While the quiet tones, such as honey-beige, rosy-beige, pinky-beige, plum-beige, bois de rose, fox-gray and birch bark are exploited in the latest models for afternoon wraps, as well as in a few formal ones, there are lovely shades of green, blue and yellow.



A Charming Wrap of Beige Velvet With Russian Sable Trimmings.

low used, in which each tone tends to tawny and to red; and also reds in several new versions, and a great deal of black, and black and white.

In a striking model created by Max of Paris, there is emphasized again the craze for honey-beige—which holds even when the shade has to be attained by dyeing the genuine, high-priced fur. This costume was worn at a gala grand opera night. It was composed of a wrap-around coat of beige ermine, over a gown of beige chiffon velvet, which was embroidered with brilliants and topaz-colored beads.

Not all of the evening wraps of ermine are dyed. Many superlatively elegant creations are shown in delicate snowy fur, with trimmings of other furs for color contrast. One that presents the epitome of luxury is an evening coat of white ermine

which has a collar and wide band of Russian sable extending to the bottom at one side, and wide cuffs to match. Max of Paris—otherwise Mme. Leroy—has created a daring wrap for the most formal evening dress. She makes it all of ermine, even to the shawl collar, which is wide over the shoulders and extends half-way down the front of the garment, and adds cuffs to finish the unusually wide sleeves. Another evening coat of distinguished style is built of mink, fine and supple in quality. It has a shawl collar and cuffs of the same fur.

In White Chiffon Velvet.

An idyllic creation, shown by a French designer is a coat wrap of white chiffon velvet of the new "transparent" weave. It is wide of sleeve, deep of collar and cut to fold generously about the figure. A silver-leaf pattern is used for the lining, and the collar and cuffs are made of white fox fur.

Reversing the scheme of this coat wrap is another which is made in the form of a full-length dolman of silver and white metal brocade. It is lined with shell-pink velvet, and on this, too, the deep collar and cuffs are made of fine white fox. This wrap has a chic



Evening Coat of Golden Brown Velvet, Finished With Rosy-Beige Fox.

note in a buckle of brilliants made in oblong design, with which it may be fastened close at one side of the front. A wide-sleeved coat of pale green and gold metal brocade is lined with pinky-beige ermine, of which both collar and cuffs and a shaped band running around the bottom and part way up one side are made.

The display of evening wraps is particularly interesting because of the variety of materials and the many ways in which they are lined and trimmed. There is a certain uniformity of line, simple yet subtly diversified, but the fabrics are new and many of the combinations are of a poetic loveliness. Red is used very successfully in several of the French models. One is a delightful shade of coral. It is lined with silver lame and has collar and cuffs of brown fox. Another wrap of granium-red transparent velvet is lined with silver lame and is trimmed with a wealth of white fox, which also forms its shawl collar, the wide band down the front and the wide cuffs.

Not So Costly.

While it is apparent that the most fashionable furs and materials shown in the new evening wraps are also the most costly, there are other lovely things to be had at more moderate prices. A coral-colored wrap of chiffon velvet is lined with silver tissue and its gray tint is repeated in collar and cuffs of chinchilla. Another coat-wrap of gray velvet is also trimmed with a pretty imitation of chinchilla, and the silvery tone is carried into the lining, which is of oyster-gray satin etched in silver.

A wrap or coat for evening, whatever its design, when of black and lined with white, or a metal cloth, and with collar and cuffs of white fox, is always flattering and serviceable, and will be seen in different models in evening dress throughout the season. A few charming wraps also are being shown without fur, but with a large collar of velvet in folds, tufts or shirring.

Mme. LeRoy of Paris offers as the high light of her season a long, supple cape made of moleskin and kolinsky skin, put together most cleverly in narrow, curving strips. The cape is shaped to wrap around the figure.

Vivid pictorial scenes taken from life in Japan furnish the designs on some new silk scarfs which promise to be fashionable this winter. They are long and narrow and made to be wrapped about the neck several times and still have the ends falling below the waistline. Attractive color combinations are blended together in the tape-like borders which make a pretty framework for the main designs. Although many of the scenes are repeated, each scarf is given an individual aspect by the handling of the color combinations. The light pastel shades are particularly smart for evening wear, while the beige, gray and darker tones fit in with most daytime costumes.

## THE KITCHEN CABINET

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"A little thing, a sunny smile,  
A loving word at morn,  
And all day long the day shone  
bright,  
The cares of life were made more  
light,  
And sweetest hopes were born."

HOW DO YOU LIKE THESE?

When one likes oysters there is no dish more pleasing to the taste than a good cocktail, a stew, or fried oysters.

Bisque of Oysters.—Put about two dozen oysters into a saucepan with the liquor, place over

the fire; when plump drain and chop fine. Add to the saucepan one tablespoonful each of minced onion and butter; let fry until brown, sprinkle with a pinch of curry, salt, and a dash of cayenne. Add the oyster liquor thickened with one tablespoonful of flour and cooked five minutes; add a quart of hot rich milk and the oysters. Serve hot.

Oyster Sauce on Toast.—Put a quart of oysters in the boiling hot liquor of the oysters and cook until plump. Drain and chop the oysters fine. Melt two tablespoonfuls of butter, turn in the oysters and saute until well cooked but not tough. Add a half teaspoonful of curry, a tablespoonful of onion grated, one cupful of cream which has been cooked with a tablespoonful of flour; season well and pour over narrow strips of buttered toast. Garnish with a fried oyster.

Pot Roast With Vegetables.—Put a pot roast into a deep iron kettle and brown well all over in a little suet. When well browned add a teaspoonful of sugar, such seasonings as one likes, and no more than a tablespoonful of water. Cover tightly and cook until the meat is tender. Add water in the same amounts when needed. Cook a few carrots, potatoes and spinach in separate dishes, until tender. Mash and season and press into a small goblet or mold to shape. Turn out around the roast on a hot platter, alternating the colors. Reheat in the oven so all will be served hot.

Brown Mushroom Sauce.—Dry mushrooms or the canned variety may be used for this dish. Soaking the dry ones for several hours will make them tender. Save the water to use in the sauce. Prepare with butter and flour, add the liquor with cream and cook.

Cheese Puffs.—Melt two tablespoonfuls of butter and mix with two tablespoonfuls of flour; stir until smooth and creamy. Add one and one-half cupfuls of grated cheese. When the cheese is melted add one cupful of cooked rice, add three well-beaten egg yolks and mix well but lightly. Fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites and pour into a buttered baking dish, surrounded with water, and bake one-half hour in a moderate oven.

Hints and Things.

If your dinner seems too heavy for a rich dessert, serve an ice of some kind. Pineapple, apricot

or various other fruit ices, any one will be acceptable. Serve with sponge cake or a drop cookie.

A pumpkin pie may be made most festive by serving with chipped cream, topped with grated cheese.

The best kind of a

pumpkin pie is made from the sweet pumpkin; cook down until it is a rich brown color. The canned pumpkin may be bought, it is good; but that, too, needs cooking down to bring out the flavor and richness. However, there is nothing to take the place of the old-fashioned pumpkin cooked and stirred for hours over a good fire. To make the pie:

Pumpkin Pie.—Take one and one-half cupfuls of the browned pumpkin, two-thirds of a cupful of brown sugar, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one and one-half cupfuls of milk, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of ginger, two well-beaten eggs and one-half cupful of cream. Pour into the pastry-lined plate and bake quickly at first to bake the crust, then slowly to cook the custard.

Steamed Squash.—Steam a small Hubbard squash until tender. Let dry out, then mash and put through a colander. Reheat and add four tablespoonfuls of butter to a pint of squash, season with salt and add enough cream to make it like well-mashed potatoes. Beat thoroughly and serve piled lightly into a hot dish. Dot with cubes of butter.

Chicken a la King.—Heat two tablespoonfuls of butter until it bubbles, add one chopped green pepper, the seeds having been removed. Let cook slowly for three minutes, then add a tablespoonful of flour, salt and paprika to taste and enough rich milk to make a thick, smooth sauce. When the sauce is done add two cupfuls of cooked chicken and let it heat through. Serve on toast or in pastry shells or tinned cases.

If the winter is the time one is entertaining, canned corn, peas and beans which have been put up during the season of fresh vegetables will please the palate much better than the kind we may purchase in town. Drawn butter or tomato sauce is also good with chestnuts.

Nellie Maxwell

## Not in Real Home

Home is where a man could do as he pleased if it wasn't for his wife. Still this should not seriously interfere—indeed would not, if men did what they should do to make home all it may be. There can be no lord and master.—Grit.

## Uncle Eben

"De man dat kicks 'bout his breakfast," said Uncle Eben, "will take what he can grab at a quick lunch and act thankful."—Washington Star.



# THE BAT

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*A Novel from the Play*  
By MARY ROBERTS RINEHART  
and AVERY HOPWOOD

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## CHAPTER IX—Continued

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"Oh, no! I can't stand it! I'll tell you everything!" she cried, frenziedly. "He got to the foot of the staircase—Richard Fleming, I mean," she was facing the detective, now, "and he had the blue-print you've been talking about. I had told him Jack Bailey was here as the gardener and he said I was desperate. I threatened him with the revolver but he took it from me. Then when I tore the blue-print from him—he was shot—from the stairs—"

"By Bailey!" interjected Beresford angrily. "I didn't even know he was in the house!" Bailey's answer was as instant as it was hot. Meanwhile the doctor had entered the room, hardly noticed, in the middle of Dale's confession, and now stood watching the scene intently from a post by the door.

"What did you do with the blue-print?" The detective's voice beat at Dale like a whip.

"I put it first in the neck of my dress—"

"Then, when I found you were watching me, I hid it, somewhere else."

"Did you give it to Bailey?"

"No—I hid it—and then I told where it was—to the doctor—"

Dale swayed on her feet. All turned surprised toward the doctor. Miss Cornelia rose from her chair.

The doctor bore the battery of eyes unflinchingly.

"That's rather inaccurate," he said, with a tight little smile. "You told me where you had placed it, but when I went to look for it, it was gone."

"Are you quite sure of that?" queried Miss Cornelia acridly.

The doctor's voice gained strength. "Absolutely," he said. He ignored the rest of the party, addressing himself directly to Anderson.

"She said she had hidden it inside one of the rolls that were on the tray on the table," he continued, in tones of easy explanation, approaching the table as he did so, and tapping it with the box of sleeping-powders he had brought for Miss Cornelia.

"She was in such distress that I finally went to look for it. It wasn't there."

"Do you realize the significance of this paper?" Anderson boomed, at once.

"Nothing, beyond the fact that Miss Ogden was afraid it linked her with the crime." The doctor's voice was very clear and firm.

Anderson pondered an instant. Then—

"I'd like to have a few minutes with the doctor alone," he said, somberly.

The group about him dissolved at once. Miss Cornelia, her arm around her niece's waist, led the latter gently to the door. As the two lovers passed each other a glance flashed between them—a glance, pathetically brief, of longing and love. Dale's finger-tips brushed Bailey's hand, gently, in passing.

"Beresford," commanded the detective, "take Bailey to the library and see that he stays there."

Beresford tapped his pocket with a significant gesture and motioned Bailey to the door. Then they, too, left the room. The door closed. The doctor and the detective were alone.

The detective spoke at once—and surprisingly.

"Doctor, I'll have that blue-print!" he said sternly, his eyes the color of steel.

The doctor gave him a wary little glance.

"But I've just made the statement that I didn't find the blue-print," he reaffirmed flatly.

"I heard you!" Anderson's voice was very dry. "Now this situation is between you and me, Doctor Wells."

His forefinger sought the doctor's chest. "It has nothing to do with that poor fool of a cashier. He hasn't got either those securities or the money from them, and you know it. It's in this house, and you know that, too! Tonight, when you claimed to be making a professional call, you were in this house—and I think you were on that staircase when Richard Fleming was killed!"

"No, Anderson, I'll swear I was not!" The doctor might be acting, but if he was, it was incomparable acting. The terror in his voice seemed too real to be feigned.

But Anderson was remorseless. "I'll tell you this," he continued. "Miss Van Gorder very cleverly got a thumb-print of yours tonight. Does that mean anything to you?"

His eyes bored into the doctor—the eyes of a poker-player, bluffing on a hidden card. But the doctor did not flinch.

"Nothing," he said, firmly. "I have not been upstairs in this house in three months."

The accent of truth in his voice seemed so unmistakable that even Anderson's shrewd brain was puzzled by it. But he persisted in his attempt to wring a confession from this last suspect.

"Before Courtleigh Fleming died—did he tell you anything about a hidden room in this house?" he queried

cannily. "You haven't been trying to frighten these women out of here with anonymous letters so you could get in?"

"No. Certainly not." But again the doctor's air had that odd mixture of truth and falsehood in it.

The detective paused for an instant. "Let me see your key-ring!" he ordered. The doctor passed it over silently. The detective glanced at the keys—then, suddenly, his revolver glittered in his other hand.

The doctor watched him, anxiously. A puff of wind rattled the panes of the French windows. The storm, quieted for a while, was gathering its strength for a fresh unleashing of its dogs of thunder.

The detective stepped to the terrace door, opened it, and then quietly proceeded to try the doctor's keys in the lock. Thus located he was out of visual range, and Wells took advantage of it at once. He moved swiftly toward the fireplace, extracting the missing piece of blue-print from an inside pocket as he did so. The secret the blue-print guarded was already graven on his mind in indelible characters—now he would destroy all evidence that it had ever been in his possession and bluff through the rest of the situation as best he might.

He threw the paper toward the flames with a nervous gesture of relief. But for once his cunning failed—the throw was too hurried to be sure and the light scrap of paper wavered and settled to the floor just outside the fireplace. The doctor swore noiselessly and stooped to pick it up and make sure of its destruction.

But he was not quick enough. Through the window the detective had seen the incident, and the next moment the doctor heard his voice bark behind him. He turned, and stared at the leveled muzzle of Anderson's revolver.

"Hands up and stand back!" he commanded.

As he did so Anderson picked up the paper, and a sardonic smile crossed his face as his eyes took in the significance of the print. He laid his revolver down on the table where he could snatch it up again at a moment's notice.

"Behind a fireplace, eh?" he muttered. "What fireplace? In what room?"

"I won't tell you!" The doctor's voice was sullen. He inched, gingerly, cautiously, toward the other side of the table.

"All right—I'll find it, you know." The detective's eyes turned swiftly back to the blue-print. For a moment, as he bent over the paper again, he was off guard.

The doctor seized the moment with a savage promptitude and sprang. There followed a silent, furious struggle between the two. Under normal circumstances, Anderson would have been the stronger and quicker, but the doctor fought with an added strength of despair and his initial leap had pinioned the detective's arms behind him. Now the detective shook one hand free and snatched at the revolver—in vain, for the doctor, with a groan of desperation, struck at his hand as its fingers were about to close on the smooth butt and the revolver skidded from the table to the floor.

With a sudden terrible movement he pinioned both the detective's arms behind him again and reached for the telephone. Its heavy base descended on the back of the detective's head with stunning force—and the next moment the battle was ended and the doctor, panting with exhaustion, held the limp form of an unconscious man in his arms.

He lowered the detective to the floor and bent swiftly over Anderson, listening to his heart. Good—the man still breathed—he had enough on his conscience without adding the murder of a detective to the black weight. Now he pocketed the revolver and the blue-print—gagged Anderson rapidly with a knotted handkerchief and proceeded to wrap his own muffler around the detective's head as an additional silencer. Anderson gave a faint sigh.

The doctor thought rapidly. Soon or late the detective would return to consciousness—with his hands free he could easily tear out the gag. He looked wildly about the room for a rope—a curtain—ah, he had it—the detective's own handkerchief! He snapped the cuffs on Anderson's wrists, then realized that, in his hurry, he had bound the detective's hands in front of him instead of behind him. Well—it would do, for the moment—he did not need much time to carry out his plans. He dragged the limp body, its head lolling, into the billiard room where he deposited it on the floor in the corner farthest from the door.

So far, so good—now to lock the door of the billiard room. Fortunately, the key was there, on the inside of the door. He quickly transferred it, looked the billiard room door from the outside and pocketed the key. Then he crossed cautiously into the alcove and started to pad up the alcove stairs, his face white and strained with excitement and hope.

And it was then that there happened one of the most dramatic events of the night. It was preceded by a desperate hammering on the door of

the terrace. It halted the doctor on his way upstairs, drew Beresford on a run into the living room, and even reached the bedrooms of the women up above.

"My God! What's that?" Beresford panted.

The doctor indicated the door. It was too late now. Already he could hear Miss Cornelia's voice above; it was only a question of a short time until Anderson in the billiard room revived and would try to make his plight known. And in the brief moment of that resume of his position, the knocking came again. But feebler, as though the suppliant outside had exhausted his strength.

As Beresford drew his revolver and moved to the door, Miss Cornelia came in, followed by Lizzie.

"It's the Bat," Lizzie announced mournfully. "Good-by, Miss Nelly."



Rouse Yourself, Man! He Said.

Good-by, everybody. I saw his hand, all covered with blood. He's had a good night for sure!"

But they ignored her. And Beresford flung open the door.

Just what they had expected, what figure of horror or of fear they waited for, no one can say. But there was no horror and no fear; only utterable amazement at an unknown man, in torn and muddled garments, with a streak of dried blood seaming his forehead like a scar, fell through the open doorway into Beresford's arms.

"Good God!" muttered Beresford, dropping his revolver to catch the strange burden. For a moment the Unknown lay in his arms like a corpse. Then he straightened dizzily, staggered into the room, took a few steps toward the table and fell prostrate upon his face, at the end of his strength.

"Doctor!" gasped Miss Cornelia, dazedly—and the doctor, whatever guilt lay on his conscience, responded at once to the call of his profession.

He bent over the Unknown Man—the physician once more—and made a brief examination.

"He's fainted!" he said, rising. "Struck on the head, too."

"But who is he?" faltered Miss Cornelia.

"I never saw him before," said the doctor. "It was obvious that he spoke the truth. 'Does anyone recognize him?'"

All crowded about the Unknown, trying to read the riddle of his identity. Miss Cornelia rapidly revised her first impressions of the stranger. When he had first fallen through the doorway into Beresford's arms, she had not known what to think. Now, in the brighter light of the living room she saw that the still face, beneath its mask of dirt and dried blood, was strong and fairly youthful—if the man were a criminal, he belonged, like the Bat, to the upper fringes of the world of crime. She noted mechanically that his hands and feet had been tied—ends of frayed rope still dangled from his wrists and ankles. And that terrible injury on his head—she shuddered and closed her eyes.

"Does anyone recognize him?" repeated the doctor, but one by one the others shook their heads. Crook, casual tramp, or honest laborer unexpectedly caught in the sinister toils of the Cedarcrest affair—his identity seemed a mystery to one and all.

The Unknown stirred feebly—made an effort to sit up. Beresford and the doctor caught him under the arms and helped him to his feet. He stood there swaying, a blank expression on his face.

"A chair!" said the doctor, quickly. "Ah—" He helped the strange figure sit down and bent over him again.

"You're all right now, my friend," he said in his best tones of professional cheeriness. "Dizzy a bit, aren't you?"

The Unknown rubbed his wrists where his bonds had cut them. He made an effort to speak.

"Water!" he said in a low voice. The doctor gestured to Billy. "Get

some water—or whisky—if there is any—that'd be better."

Beresford had been looking about for the detective, puzzled not to find him, as usual, in charge of affairs. Now, "Where's Anderson? This is a police matter!" he said, making a movement as if to go in search of him.

The doctor stopped him quickly. "He was here a minute ago—he'll be back presently," he said, praying to whatever gods he served that Anderson, bound and gagged in the billiard room, had not yet returned to consciousness.

Unobserved by all except Miss Cornelia, the mention of the detective's name had caused a strange reaction in the Unknown. His eyes had opened—he had started—the haze in his mind had seemed to clear away for a moment. Then, for some reason, his shoulders had slumped again and the look of apathy came back to his face. But, stunned or not, it seemed possible that he was not quite as dazed as he appeared.

The doctor gave the slumped shoulders a little shake.

"Rouse yourself, man!" he said. "What has happened to you?"

"I'm dazed!" said the Unknown, thickly and slowly. "I can't remember." He passed a hand weakly over his forehead.

"What a night!" sighed Miss Cornelia, sinking into a chair. "Richard Fleming murdered in this house—and now—this!"

The Unknown shot her a stealthy glance from beneath lowered eyelids. But when she looked at him, his face was blank again.

"Why doesn't somebody ask his name?" queried Dale.

The doctor took Dale's suggestion. Silence from the Unknown—and that blank stare of stupefaction.

"Look at his papers." It was Miss Cornelia's voice.

The doctor and Bailey searched the torn trousers pockets, the pockets of the muddled shirt, while the Unknown submitted passively, not seeming to care what happened to him. But search him as they would—it was in vain.

"Not a paper on him," said Jack Bailey, at last, straightening up.

A crash of breaking glass from the head of the alcove stairs put a period to his sentence. All turned toward the stairs—or all except the Unknown, who, for a moment, half rose in his chair, his eyes gleaming, his face alert, the mask of bewildered apathy gone from his face.

As they watched, a rigid little figure of horror backed slowly down the alcove stairs and into the room—Billy, the Japanese, his oriental placidity disturbed at last, incomprehensible terror written in every line of his face.

"Billy—what is it?"

The diminutive butler made a pitiful attempt at his usual grin.

"It—nothing," he gasped. The Unknown relapsed in his chair—again the dazed stranger from nowhere.

Beresford took the Japanese by the shoulders.

"Now see here!" he said sharply. "You've seen something! What was it?"

Billy trembled like a leaf.

"Ghost! Ghost!" he muttered frantically, his face working.

"He's concealing something. Look at him!" Miss Cornelia stared at her servant. "Brooks, close the door!" pointing at the terrace door in the alcove, which still stood ajar after the entrance of the Unknown.

Bailey moved to obey. But just as he reached the alcove—the terrace

door slammed shut in his face. At the same moment every light in Cedarcrest blinked and went out again.

Bailey fumbled for the door-knob in the sudden darkness.

"The door's locked!" he said, incredulously. "The key's gone, too. Where's your revolver, Beresford?"

"I dropped it in the alcove when I caught that man," called Beresford, cursing himself for his carelessness.

The illuminated dial of Bailey's wrist watch flickered in the darkness as he searched for the revolver—a round, glowing spot of phosphorescence.

Lizzie screamed. "The eye! The gleaming eye! I saw on the stairs!" she shrieked, pointing at it frenziedly.

"Quick—there's a candle on the table—light it somebody—never mind the revolver—I have one!" called Miss Cornelia.

"Righto!" called Beresford, cheerily, in reply. He found the candle—lit it—

The party blinked at each other for a moment, still unable quite to coordinate their thoughts.

Bailey rattled the knob of the door into the hall.

"This door's locked, too!" he said, with increasing puzzlement. A gasp went over the group. They were locked in the room, while some devilment was going on in the rest of the house. That they knew. But what it might be, what form it might take, they had not the remotest idea.

But it was not until Miss Cornelia took the candle and proceeded toward the hall door to examine it that the full horror of the situation burst upon them.

Neatly fastened to the white panel of the door, chest high and hardly more than just dead, was the body of a bat.

Of what happened thereafter no one afterward remembered the details. To be shut in there, at the mercy of one who knew no mercy, was intolerable. It was left for Miss Cornelia to remember her own revolver, lying unnoticed on the table since the crime earlier in the evening, and to suggest its use in shattering the lock.

Just what they had expected when the door was finally opened they did not know. But the house was quiet and in order; no new horror faced them in the hall; their candle revealed no bloody figure, their ears heard no unearthly sound.

Slowly they began to search the house. Since no room was apparently immune from danger, the men made no protest when the women insisted on accompanying them. And as time went on and chamber after chamber was discovered empty and undisturbed, gradually the courage of the party began to rise. Lizzie, still whimpering, stuck closely to Miss Cornelia's heels, but that spirited lady began to make small side excursions of her own.

Of the men, only Bailey, Beresford and the doctor could really be said to search at all. Billy had remained below, impassive of face but rolling of eye; the Unknown, after an attempt to depart with them, had sunk back weakly into his chair again, and the detective, Anderson, was still unaccountably missing.

As time went on and the silence and peace remained unbroken, the conviction grew on them that the Bat had in this manner achieved his object and departed. Had done his work, signed it after his usual fashion, and gone.

And thus were matters when Miss Cornelia, happening on the attic staircase with Lizzie at her heels, decided to look about her up there. And went up.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stoops of Alameda were Sunday guests at the J. C. Walton home.

Mrs. Kimber of Sacramento has been visiting her son, John Kimber of Niles since last week. She has taken up temporary residence in the Ellsworth apartments.

Mrs. E. S. Bergstrom was a guest at a bridge luncheon given by Mrs. John Cussen of San Francisco last Saturday.

Word has been received from Marian Sekigahama of Niles, who left for Japan for a visit, several weeks ago, saying that she expects to visit in Japan until early spring.

Howard Roland, who sustained a serious injury to his eye a few weeks ago is getting along very satisfactorily.

The Presbyterian church of Newark held the regular annual Christmas program Wednesday evening.

Theodore Harvey's new home near Alvarado, on the Centerville road, is being enclosed this week.

The J. F. Perry cottage on the Decoto-Centerville road, which has been under construction, is now nearly finished.

Washington Township teachers attended the teachers meetings at Oakland Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Alma Huntley of Niles also attended and presented several vocal numbers on Monday's program.

The whist party held by the Neighbors of Woodcraft at the I. O. O. F. hall, Niles, December 14 was attended by a large crowd. A net profit of about \$60.00 was realized.

## IRVINGTON NEWS

Mr. Henry F. Weston is recuperating from an attack of la grippe.

Mrs. Helen Threlfall was able to attend church again last Sunday morning after a prolonged stay at home on account of sickness.

The Irvington Boy Scouts will take a hike up the slopes of Mission San Jose peak Saturday afternoon.

The E. E. Carroll family plan to spend Christmas with the S. C. Wood family at Alameda.

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